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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN SULTANA CROP DAMAGE

1. HEAVY RAINS IN SUNRAYSIA DISTRICT DURING PAST TWO WEEKS
SERIOUSLY DAMAGED RAISIN CROPS IN FINAL DRYING STAGES. LOSSES
ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 10,000 TONS, AND TOTAL PACK FIGURE IS NOW DOUBT-
FUL. LATEST ESTIMATES DISCUSSED AT DRIED FRUIT BOARD MEETING APRIL
19 INDICATE TOTAL PACK POSSIBLY AS LOW AS 52,000 TONS, AND THIS
ONLY IF DPI INSPECTION APPROVES MINIMUM 2 CROWN GRADE FOR
ABOUT 6,000 TONS NOW IN DISPUTE. ADFA AND DPI
WILL MEET NEXT WEEK TO EXAMINE FRUIT IN QUESTION, WHICH WOULD BE
SOLD ON DOMESTIC MARKET. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME, MARKETABLE PACK
WILL EITHER BE ABOUT 52,000 OR 46,000 TONS.

2. WITH DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS AT MINIMUM 16,000 TONS, ONLY 30,000
AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT IN LATTER CASE. SALES COMMITMENTS BY DRIED
FRUITS BOARD ALREADY IN EXCESS OF 29,000 TONS AND CONSEQUENTLY
LITTLE ROOM FOR MANEUVER. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING LAST FRIDAY
BOARD SUSPENDED ALL FURTHER FORWARD SALES, AND HAS COMPLETELY
WITHDRAWN FROM UK AND EUROPEAN MARKETS. DRIED FRUITS BOARD
EXPECTS TO MAKE STATEMENT LATE NEXT WEEK, AND HAS ASKED THIS OFFICE
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TO HOLD INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL IN MEANTIME. STRESSED

PARTICULARLY NOT TO DISCLOSE SITUATION TO PUBLIC LEDGER AND
OTHER TRADE PUBLICATIONS. WILL TOFAS OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY BOARD
AS SOON AS RELEASED.
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